
COURT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

MISSION

To serve the citizens of Durham County as efficiently as possible within the resources available to provide courtrooms and judicial facilities.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The judicial system is administered in North Carolina under a uniform court system, the General Court of Justice, which is composed of the North Carolina Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, Superior Courts, and District Courts. An amendment to the State Constitution passed in November, 1962 placed all courts under the jurisdiction of the state, which now pays all operating expenses of the system including salaries. The county provides courtrooms and related judicial facilities. Court Supportive Services includes facility budgets for Superior and District court judges, the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Clerk of Superior Court, Criminal and Civil Magistrates, Guardian ad Litem, Trial Court Administrator, and Office of Juvenile Justice. The judicial system provides a constitutionally prescribed forum for the resolution of disputes including criminal matters, juvenile and domestic matters, small claims and general civil matters by an independent and impartial judiciary.

Cost centers for each of the primary areas have been set up and are as follows: District Attorney, Clerk of Superior Court, Public Defender, Superior Court, District Court, Office of Juvenile Justice and Adult Probation and Parole Facilities. The Adult Probation and Parole Facilities cost center provides funding for office space for the Adult Probation and Parole Program, which is located at 119 Orange Street Mall in Downtown Durham.